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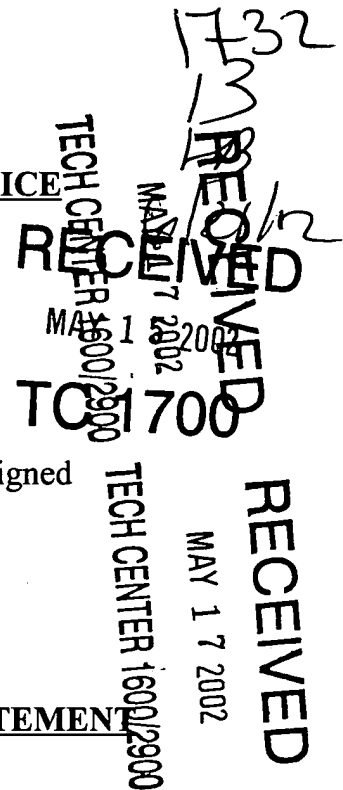
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English abstracts of German patent no. 37 38 042 A, EP 0 223 963, and French patent no. 2 640 472 A are enclosed and are relied upon as a statement of pertinency to the present invention.

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